

**Dear Co-Chair Kennedy, Co-Chair Miner, Co-Chair Demicco, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Gresko, Vice Chair Somers, Ranking Member Harding, and Honorable Members of the Environment Committee,**

**Please accept this public hearing testimony in SUPPORT of SB 832.**

We support the prohibition of feeding, placing, providing, giving, exposing, depositing, scattering or distributing any edible material or attractant with the purpose of feeding, attracting or enticing potentially dangerous animals – such as black bears, bobcats, coyotes or foxes -- as this protects human and non-human animals.

However we would like to see a provision added that addresses public education. The language below as added to a similar bill during the last legislative session:

*Any conservation officer appointed pursuant to section 26-5 and any other officer authorized to serve criminal process may enforce any regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Any violation of such regulations shall be an infraction. The regulations shall provide, for a non intentional violation an initial warning, along with the provision of appropriate educational materials, for any individual found to be feeding animals as listed in section 26-40a.*

Lastly, we disagree with HSUS's testimony that DEEP should partner with The Humane Society of the United States to develop educational materials that are "effective, humane, science-based, and sustainable, and provide that such educational materials include the topics of removal of attractants and hazing techniques." The Humane Society of the United States is notorious for pushing the fertility control pesticide on wildlife, which is a huge conflict of interest as the organization is the registrant of the pesticide. Native wildlife do not require birth control, as five natural mortality factors affect their biology.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely  
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